

MEMORANDUM

To: Chief Executive Officers: Municipalities, Regional Planning Organizations, and Economic Development Districts

From: W. David LeVasseur, Acting Undersecretary
Intergovernmental Policy Division

Date: October 9, 2013

Subject: **2013 REGIONAL PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PROGRAM (RPI)**
CGS Section 4-124s as amended by Section 251 and 253 of Public Act 13-247

OPM is now accepting applications for the next round of RPI grants. **Proposals must be received by the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) on or before December 31, 2013.**

Because most of the funding dedicated to the RPI Program was swept into the General Fund as a deficit mitigation mechanism, and recently passed legislation carved out funding for specific purposes, there will be minimum funding available for 2012 submissions. If applicant organizations want their 2012 proposals to be considered for 2013 funding, they must indicate so, in writing, signed by the Chief Executive Officer of the organization, prior to the December 31, 2013 deadline for filing. If there are changes to the scope and/or budget of the 2012 submission, it must be re-submitted as a new proposal. Resolutions will be accepted until March 31, 2014. **Both 2012 proposals that are re-submitted and new proposals for 2013 will be considered for RPI grant funding in the next round. Grants will be awarded based upon the merit of each proposal.**

Proposals may be submitted by any of the Regional Planning Organizations (RPOs) in Connecticut, any two or more municipalities acting through a regional planning organization, any economic development district(s) or any combination thereof. An individual municipality may submit a proposal for funding related connection to and use of the Nutmeg Network. The goal is to encourage municipalities to participate in projects that will produce measurable "economies of scale" that will benefit the municipalities providing desired or required services and lowering the costs and tax burden related to providing those services.

Attached you will find Guidelines and a prescribed Proposal Form that must be used in submitting a grant proposal for: (1) joint provision of a service or services currently provided by individual municipalities but not presently provided on a multi-town basis, (2) a planning study regarding the joint provision of any service on a multi-town basis, or (3) shared information technology services (connection to and use of the Nutmeg Network). Proposals related to connection and use of the Nutmeg Network must be submitted on the form specific to that purpose.

Applicants considering proposals for the purchase of capital equipment should consider the benefits of the Intertown Capital Equipment (ICE) Purchase Incentive Program which is available to two or more towns and provides partial funding for acquisitions, to a maximum of \$250,000. Information about the ICE Program can be found at: <http://www.ct.gov/opm/cwp/view.asp?a=2985&q=489860>

Please note that proposals submitted in a form or format other than the prescribed proposal form WILL NOT BE PROCESSED. If additional pages are needed for any responses, please show, at the top of the page, the name of the applicant organization, project title and the specific required proposal element that it relates to.

Please direct questions to Sandra Huber, of my staff, at: Sandra.Huber@ct.gov or (860) 418-6293.